

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in response to the Office Action of May 12, 2009. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12-23, 25, 28-29, 33-39, 41, 42, 45-56, 58-60 and 62-67 were pending in the application prior to the outstanding Office Action.

The present Response amends claims 1, 34, and 51; cancel 18-23, 25, 28-29, 33; cancels claim 60; and add claim 72, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12-17, 34, 41, 42, 45-56, 58-60, 62-67 and 69-72. Applicant hereby respectfully reserves the right to continue prosecuting the canceled claims if necessary. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

A. Double Patenting

In the Office Action, Claim 60 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of Claim 51. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 60 has been canceled. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

B. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102 & 35 USC §103

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 13-23, 28, 29, 33-39, 42, 46-56, 59, 60 and 63-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hutsch et al. (US 2001/0034771 A1).

Claims 5, 22, 38, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hutsch et al. (US 2001/0034771 A1) in view of Anuff et al. (US 2003/0056026A1).

Claims 3-5, 11, 20-22, 27, 36-38, 44, 53-55 were rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Anuff in view of Samid and further in view of Sollenberger (US 2002/0152279A1).

Claims 12, 28, 45 and 62 were rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable in view Hutsch et al. (US 2001/0034771 A1) in view of Hoffman et al (US 2003/0069766 A1).

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to include a feature of "*a ... user interface operable to at least one of define and manage a hierarchy of entitlements for a plurality of portal resources, wherein each entitlement of the hierarchy of entitlements uses a plurality of roles and security policies to control access to the plurality of portal resources, and wherein each portal resource*

of the plurality of portal resources can be associated with a different entitlement for different entitlement capabilities."

Hutsch discloses a network portal system that includes a web-top manager and a universal content broker system (Abstract). In addition, Hutsch also discloses defining user roles with different access rights to system resources (Paragraph [0324]).

Anuff discloses a portal server that presents an HTML page that comprises a plurality of modules that are formatted in a predetermined layout (Abstract).

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no indication in cited prior art that each portal resource of a plurality of portal resources can be associated with different entitlements for different entitlement capabilities.

Therefore, Claim 1 should be in allowable condition.

Claims 34 and 51

Claims 34 and 51, while independently patentable, recite limitations that, similarly to those described above with respect to claim 1, are not taught, suggested nor otherwise rendered obvious by the cited references. Reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-9, 12-17, 35-39, 41, 42, 45-50, 52-67, and 69-71

Claims 22-9, 12-17, 35-39, 41, 42, 45-50, 52-67, and 69-71 are not addressed separately, but it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim, and further in view of the comments provided above.

It is also submitted that these claims also add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Claim 72

Claim 72 depends on allowable Claim 1. In addition Claim 72 includes a feature of "*wherein the portal entitles a role with different entitlement properties for different portal resource.*"

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no indication in cited prior art of this additional feature. Therefore, Claim 72 should be in allowable condition.

C. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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